

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF NAVARRO & WRIGHT CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the 25th Anniversary of Navarro & Wright Consulting Engineers, Inc.

Founded in October 1996 by Paul J. Navarro, P.E., and Charles Wright, the Firm began operations with three employees working out of the basement of Paul Navarro's house in Steelton, Pennsylvania. The company flourished from its humble beginnings and has grown to a total of 190 employees across nine offices in three states—Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Delaware.

The Firm's original clients included land developers, municipalities, and utility companies. The housing boom of the late 90s and early 2000s fostered growth opportunities, and the Firm quickly expanded its services to capture a segment of the transportation sector.

In 1998, the Firm was certified as a minority-owned business with PennDOT and the PA Department of General Services, which enabled it to bid on public works projects with state agencies. Today, the Firm is a certified MBE/DBE, with numerous state agencies across the Mid-Atlantic region. Over the years, the Firm made several acquisitions, such as Foust Geological Services, and Raudenbush Engineering, which bolstered its transportation services and geographic presence into Western Pennsylvania.

The Firm moved to its current corporate headquarters in New Cumberland, PA in 1999, and acquired/now occupies the 14,000 square foot building that houses several of its business units and corporate staff.

Navarro & Wright consistently is recognized among the Top Private Companies and Fastest Growing Companies in the Central Pennsylvania area for the past 25 years. The Firm also earned a Top 100 MBE Firm in the Mid-Atlantic region.

True to its mission statement, "Delivering Vital Infrastructure through Design Excellence," Navarro & Wright approaches each project with the client's needs and objectives at the forefront. It has earned a reputation of delivering high quality services across the many markets—a distinction that is a tribute to the key leaders and talented employees of the Firm who give their utmost attention to each project. The Firm's belief in continuous improvement enables its team to maintain a high level of service, and to continue to grow and prosper.

I'm honored and privileged to commend Mr. Paul J. Navarro, P.E., and Navarro & Wright Consulting Services on 25 years of success, prosperity, and vital service to our communities. I wish Mr. Navarro and the Firm continued success and prosperity into the future.

RECOGNIZING PATRICK COLLINS FOR HIS FIFTY YEARS OF TEACHING AT BELEN JESUIT PREPARATORY SCHOOL

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding educator in my district, Mr. Patrick Collins, who has dedicated fifty years towards teaching the young men of Miami-Dade County.

Patrick received his B.A. in history and secondary education from Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama, in 1971. That same year, he began his impressive teaching career at Belen Jesuit Preparatory School, where he still teaches today. Shortly after beginning his career at Belen, he became the Chairperson of the newly created Social Studies Department—a clear indicator of his leadership qualities even at a young age. In 1975, Patrick received his M.S. in administration in secondary education from Barry University and founded Belen's varsity tennis team, where he served as head coach until 2007. If that year wasn't busy enough for Patrick, he also fostered the longstanding relationship with Belen and Close Up Foundation, thereby allowing thousands of students to visit Washington, D.C., and witness the seat of our nation's government. In fact, in 2015, he was inducted into Close Up Foundation's Educator Hall of Fame, a distinction which he rightfully deserves.

It has been an honor to work with Mr. Collins over the years and I truly value his friendship. I have visited his classroom on several occasions to speak to his students regarding my role as a Member of Congress and it is clear how respected he is amongst his students and peers. Through these visits, I have seen firsthand his passion for teaching and the influence that he has on all those who he interacts with. He represents the values that Belen Jesuit Preparatory School hopes to instill in its students and has done a commendable job preparing young men for their future.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to know that an educator such as Mr. Collins resides in South Florida. He has truly made a difference in the lives of every student he interacts with and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ADVOCACY OF ELIZABETH CADY STANTON AT THE UNVEILING OF HER STATUE IN HER HOMETOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, NEW YORK

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Elizabeth Cady Stan-

ton at the unveiling of her statue in her hometown of Johnstown, New York.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton was a legendary leader in the fight for women's rights, particularly for women's suffrage. She was a key organizer of the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848, which is credited with launching the women's rights movement in the United States. Stanton was the primary drafter of the Declaration of Sentiments which detailed the rights championed at the convention.

Stanton went on to found the National Women's Suffrage Association, which she presided over for 20 years. In 1866, Stanton became the first woman to run for Congress, even though she did not yet have the right to vote herself. In addition to her important work fighting for women, she also took up the cause of slavery. An ardent abolitionist, she co-founded the Women's Loyal National League to encourage Congress to pass the 13th Amendment, making slavery illegal.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton died in 1902 after a lifetime fighting for equality. The 19th amendment, granting women the right to vote, would not become law for 18 more years. Over 100 years after her death, the legacy of her work remains deeply impactful. This statue erected in her hometown of Johnstown, New York is a testament to the lasting effect that her fight for equality had on this nation. I am proud to honor Elizabeth Cady Stanton on behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District.

HONORING SUNISA (SUNI) LEE FOR HER ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE 2020 TOKYO SUMMER OLYMPICS

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sunisa (Suni) Lee for her achievements during the 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympic games, which were held July 23 through August 8, 2021. At the age of 18, Ms. Lee made history in her Olympic debut as the first Hmong-American to represent the United States. She demonstrated outstanding skill and training, winning the gold medal in the women's gymnastics all-around, helping Team USA win a silver medal in the team final and winning the bronze medal in the uneven bars.

Ms. Lee is a lifelong resident of Saint Paul, in Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District. I'm very proud to say that she's a graduate of South Saint Paul High School, my alma mater. She joined a remarkable group of 17 Minnesota athletes who qualified to compete for Team USA. Throughout the competition, she displayed a spirit and determination that boosted Team USA and their fans across the United States.

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Born in 2003 to parents who came to the U.S. as refugees from Laos, Ms. Lee is accustomed to working hard and overcoming challenges. Just one day before leaving to compete in the 2019 U.S. gymnastics championship, her father and top cheerleader, Houa (John) Lee, became paralyzed in a tree trimming accident. Despite this tragedy, John encouraged Suni to go and compete. She went on to defy expectations and finish second in the gymnastics all-around. Since then, she has assisted her father in his recovery, along with her mother Yeev Thoj and her siblings, all while continuing her demanding schedule of academic studies and training. Her resilience and determination reflect the heart of an Olympian.

In tribute to Ms. Lee's Olympic gold medal in the women's gymnastics all-around, Governor Tim Walz and Saint Paul Mayor Melvin Carter named Friday, July 30, 2021 as Sunisa Lee Day in Minnesota and Saint Paul. On August 8, a parade was held in her honor through her East Side Saint Paul neighborhood. Thousands of fans, family and friends gathered on White Bear Avenue to cheer on her victories and celebrating her achievements on behalf of Team USA.

Throughout her life, Ms. Lee has been a positive force for her family, her community in Saint Paul, Minnesota and the United States. Her victory as the first Hmong-American to win Olympic gold in the all-around gymnastics category is especially inspiring to Asian-American girls who see her as a role model who is capable of performing at the highest level on the global stage.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Sunisa Lee for her outstanding accomplishments, along with her incomparable talent, extraordinary commitment, and resilient spirit. We wish Ms. Lee well as she begins a new chapter as a student-athlete at Auburn University.

SYMPATHY RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF MR. FLOYD LEE SMALL

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize and honor the late Mr. Floyd Lee Small, a beloved father, veteran, and friend.

Whereas, Mr. Floyd Small was born in Miami, Florida on April 1, 1953, to the late James and Annie Mae Small. He was one of nine siblings. Mr. Small had a strong Christian upbringing, in a household where love and values were instilled and strongly emphasized at an early age; and

Whereas, Mr. Small was among the first class to integrate South Dade High School in the early 70's. Immediately after graduating, he enlisted in the United States Navy where he received an honorable discharge; and

Whereas, on October 15, 1979, he was united in holy matrimony to Brenda Donaldson. With this union, came a daughter Tiffany and two stepdaughters Kimberly and Tracy; and

Whereas, he was a man of many talents and gifts. In his early adult years, he began

working at Turkey Pointe as an apprentice in the water treatment plant. Throughout the remainder of his career, he worked in diverse industries such as: Law enforcement, as a police dispatcher, freelance photographer, MC/DJ. In the 90's, he mastered the art of window tinting and eventually started X-pert Window Tinting.

Whereas, Mr. Small was loved by many and shed light on whomever crossed his path. He knew that God gave him a voice. He used this voice to sing, inspire, and help others make sense of life. His amazing sense of humor rubbed off on anyone that was near him; and

Whereas, on August 5, 2021, the Lord called him home. Mr. Small leaves to cherish his precious memories: his daughter Tiffany (Willis) Howard; Two brothers; Edward (Michelle), Willie; six sisters, Annie Bell Walker, Sharon Ferguson, Carolyn (Ralph) Baptiste, Sandra Small, Deborah (Joe) Roberts and Jacqueline (Glenn) Gray; His grandson Jacob; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, countless friends; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, FREDERICA S. WILSON, a Member of the United States House of Representatives representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, am honored to recognize the late Mr. Floyd Lee Small.

IN RECOGNITION OF PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL'S ENVIROTHON TEAM

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Pleasant Valley High School's Envirothon Team. The team of Emma Barrett (captain), Reece Kresge, Zachary Dooner, Jacob Possinger, and Benjamin Keppel recently placed seventh at the International NCF-Envirothon competition hosted virtually at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Envirothon began in Pennsylvania in 1979 as the "Environmental Olympics" to encourage young people to take an interest in conservation and environmental issues, and, over the past four decades, the program has expanded to 46 states and internationally to Canada and China. Teachers and professionals support high school students as they participate in natural resource environmental education both in the classroom and outdoors.

To advance to the international competition, the team competed against teams from 58 Pennsylvania counties in a series of field station tests focused five areas: soils and land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, wildlife, and environmental issues. They also prepared and delivered an oral presentation where they demonstrated their problem solving and oral presentation skills and provided their recommendations to solve a current environmental issue. Their impressive performance earned them first place and a chance to compete at the international competition. The team also posted the top score in the wildlife station.

At the 32nd annual NCF-Envirothon competition, hosted by the National Conservation Foundation and the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts, the team took on 42

teams—35 from the United States, four from Canada, and three from China. Vying for glory as well as scholarships and awards, the team competed in the five stations and delivered their oral presentation to a panel of judges, ultimately placing seventh overall and earning \$1,000 scholarships.

It is an honor to recognize Emma, Reece, Zachary, Jacob, Benjamin, and their advisor, Maricatherine Garr, as they celebrate this outstanding achievement. They have made the 8th Congressional District proud and represented the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania well on the world stage. These students have bright futures ahead of them in whatever career path they choose, and I wish them well as they continue on in their studies. May they be lifelong stewards and advocates for our environment.

RICHARD L. TRUMKA AND UNITE HERE: A REMEMBRANCE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise to include in the RECORD a statement written by John W. Wilhelm, Retired President, UNITE HERE, in honor of the late Rich Trumka.

UNITE HERE had a special bond with Rich Trumka. His unexpected death this month hit the labor movement hard. It was a personal loss for me, and the loss of a passionate advocate for the members of our Union.

Rich Trumka was a leader of principle and courage. He was a third generation coal miner from immigrant Italian and Polish stock, growing up in the little Appalachian coal town of Nemacolin in southwest Pennsylvania.

His Union, the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA), is one of the most important Unions—arguably the single most important—in American labor history. The UMWA was founded in 1890, one year before HERE. The UMWA has always been important to its fiercely loyal members, working for brutal companies in a dangerous industry. It was equally important to the American labor movement because the UMWA was the driving force in the creation of the CIO and the massive industrial organizing campaigns of the Great Depression, as well as a crucial political ally for President Roosevelt and the New Deal.

My mother, who grew up in the coal country of Southwest Virginia, always said that the only good things that ever happened to the Appalachian people were Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt and the United Mine Workers.

After the legendary Mine Workers leader John L. Lewis retired in 1960, the Union lost its way. Rich Trumka went to Penn State, intending to play football until he got hurt, and then the Villanova Law School. Rich could have done anything, but he decided to become part of a growing reform movement in the UMWA. After the murder of reform leader Jock Yablonski, Rich redoubled his efforts. In 1982, at age 33, he was elected President of his Union.

Rich set out to restore the confidence of the miners in their Union, and to restore the Union's hard-earned respect from the coal companies. His rebuilding program culminated in the epic 10-month strike of 2,000 Union miners against the Pittston Coal Company in 1989-1990. Pittston was a creative

campaign, with the mine workers' trademark militant picket lines backed up by massive, repeated civil disobedience, strategic corporate and political action, and determined support from women organized as the Daughters of Mother Jones.

My predecessor as HERE General President, Edward T. Hanley, supported Rich Trumka from the time Rich became President of UMWA. During the Pittston strike, Edward saw a CNN report that Pittston had put on a lobster dinner for the scabs, outdoors where the pickets could see the scabs eating. That angered Edward. He told Rich that the company fed the scabs once, but HERE would feed the strikers every day. He sent five cooks who were members of HERE Local 863 at the Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia to Camp Solidarity in Castlewood, Virginia, the strike headquarters. The Greenbrier HERE members prepared three meals a day, seven days a week, until the strikers won.

The key issue in the strike was retiree health care. Pittston unilaterally gutted the health benefits of its retirees, and refused to pay into the health care fund for retired miners who had been employed by other companies that had gone out of business.

Rich told me that Ed Hanley's help was crucial to settling the Pittston strike. During the AFL-CIO Convention in 1989 in Washington DC, Edward invited Rep. Daniel Rostenkowski, his life-long Chicago friend who was then Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, to meet in the bar at the Sheraton Wardman Park Hotel, site of the Convention, and asked Rich to join them. By the wee hours of the next morning, Rich, Edward, and Rep. Rostenkowski shook hands on the framework to settle the Pittston strike.

The strike continued full force, but the Sheraton Wardman Park framework succeeded. Pittston reluctantly agreed to pay for retirement security for its own current and future employees and their spouses. The UMWA strikers triumphantly returned to work.

For the retirees from other companies for whom the strikers had also been fighting, Dan Rostenkowski promised Rich Trumka and Ed Hanley that Congress would step in to help. Bob Juliano, HERE's peerless Legislative Representative, worked with the UMWA and the Congressman's staff to structure the solution. Sen. Jay Rockefeller, Democrat of West Virginia, sponsored legislation which required that all coal companies pay the retirement costs of their own retirees and spouses. It also guaranteed Federal funding of benefits for "orphan" retirees, those whose employers had gone out of business. Congress passed this landmark legislation, and President George H.W. Bush signed it in 1992.

It was the Pittston strike that solidified an enduring bond between HERE and the United Mine Workers. The good turn that our Union did for Rich Trumka and the UMWA has been repaid many times over in the intervening years.

Rich Trumka found in HERE three things he admired: workers with the bravery and tenacity to fight for justice, a Union courageous enough to take on strikes that like Pittston seemed impossible, and a Union that organizes and fights for immigrant workers.

The Culinary and Bartenders Union in Las Vegas was our Union's largest affiliate in the 1980's, and it still is. By 1990 the Culinary and Bartenders had made progress in rebuilding after the terrible 1984 Las Vegas strike, but two tough obstacles loomed.

The first was a brutal 9-month strike in 1990 at the Horseshoe in Downtown Las Vegas. The second was the historic Frontier

strike on the Strip, which lasted six years, four months, and ten days, from 1991 through 1998, with no striker ever going back to work across the 24/7 picket line.

The Union had to win these two strikes, both against very wealthy families answerable to no one. Benefit, wage, and job security standards were at stake. So was the Union's aggressive Las Vegas organizing program.

Rich came to Las Vegas over and over during the Horseshoe and Frontier strikes. Rich would be the first to agree that the Union won both strikes because of the courage and commitment of the strikers and strike captains, the extraordinary leadership of Joe Daugherty as well as D. Taylor, Richard McCracken, and other organizers and researchers, the steadfast support financially from the city-wide Culinary and Bartenders membership, and the unwavering support of President Hanley and the International Union.

But Rich Trumka's role in those victories cannot be overstated. The Frontier strikers adopted the slogan of the Pittston strikers, "One Day Longer." Rich inspired the strikers and the entire Union membership again and again, giving all of us confidence that we would win. He worked hard to ensure broad support from the entire American labor movement. He led the charge for Desert Solidarity during the Frontier strike, the largest labor action in Las Vegas history, which closed down the Strip on a busy Saturday night, with participation from Unions throughout the country. Rich also gave our Union a lasting gift by assigning Vinny O'Brien, an amazing talent who organized Desert Solidarity and went on to help so many UNITE HERE Locals over the next 20 years.

In 1995, during the Frontier strike, Rich joined John Sweeney and Linda Chavez Thompson as the candidate for Secretary-Treasurer on the first slate to contest the AFL-CIO leadership in the 40 years since the AFL and CIO merged. That slate won. Ed Hanley surprised many of his labor friends by supporting the Sweeney ticket. Rich served as Secretary-Treasurer until 2009, when he was elected to succeed the retiring Sweeney as President of the AFL-CIO.

In his new AFL-CIO position, Rich's support of HERE didn't let up. He was there when the Frontier strikers joyfully went back to work at midnight on January 31, 1998. And his support wasn't confined to just Las Vegas; wherever our Union needed help, Rich was there. As just three examples among many, he marched in the People's Graduation action by Locals 34 and 35 at Yale University in 1996, he was arrested in a civil disobedience supporting Local 2 members at the San Francisco Hilton in 2010, and he kicked off our global Hyatt Boycott that same year. He was everywhere we asked him to be, and he was always inspirational.

Rich Trumka had a deep relationship with his fellow miners, and with workers of all kinds. He believed in his soul that all people are created equal. Solidarity was not an abstraction to him, perhaps because of his roots in the mines and the United Mine Workers. The pro-worker, pro-immigrant doctrine of his Catholic faith informed his sense of solidarity. When UNITE HERE's Father Clete Kiley started reviving the tradition of Catholic labor priests, Rich was all in.

In 2000, when HERE took the lead in changing AFL-CIO policy to embrace the cause of immigrant workers, Rich supported that fight, drawing on the experiences of his own immigrant family.

A shining chapter of his AFL-CIO leadership came in 2008. Rich relentlessly crisscrossed the Midwestern and Appalachian

states, bluntly insisting that white Union members had to confront the racism that held some back from voting for Barack Obama for President. With his trademark plain-spoken eloquence he described racism as just another form of divide and conquer. His ability to connect with white workers on matters of race and immigration was unmatched.

Rich was very disappointed when HERE helped lead several Unions out of the AFL-CIO in 2005 to organize an alternate federation, Change to Win. Nevertheless, when the Service Employees International Union under then-president Andy Stern attacked UNITE HERE and perverted the goals of Change to Win, Rich warmly welcomed us back into the AFL-CIO fold at the same 2009 Convention where he became AFL-CIO President. He addressed the UNITE HERE 2014 Convention, D. Taylor's first as President.

Rich Trumka was passionate. He was one of the great orators of our time. He was a voracious reader and a keen student of history, especially of the Civil War. Many of us have been frustrated with the AFL-CIO, but I never doubted for a moment Rich's commitment, his moral authority, and his integrity.

Rich Trumka supported worker struggles everywhere. He inspired workers wherever he went. Many different Unions and many different battles benefitted from his help.

But in UNITE HERE, our members have perhaps benefitted to a greater measure than any other Union except, of course, his own United Mine Workers. We had a very special relationship.

I last saw Rich in Washington DC in May of this year. We met at his favorite breakfast place, the Hay-Adams Hotel across the street from the AFL-CIO building. He was in a nostalgic mood. He reminisced with the members of UNITE HERE Local 25 who were servers in the dining room about his intervention when new owners at the Hay-Adams had sought to evade their Union obligations. I told him I had just visited Lebanon, Virginia, my grandfather's home town, where my mother and sister are buried, and nearby Castlewood, where HERE members cooked for the Pittston strikers at Camp Solidarity. I reminded Rich that shortly before my mother passed away he had visited her for several hours, compared notes with her about growing up in coal country, and left her with an autographed copy of a book on UMWA history.

Rich and I talked at that breakfast about many struggles, among them Pittston, the Horseshoe, the Frontier, the fight to change the AFL-CIO immigration policy, and his heroic work in the 2008 presidential campaign. We talked about our mutual admiration for Ed Hanley, D. Taylor, and Joe Daugherty. We talked as well about struggles not yet won, particularly his determination to reform labor law by passing the PRO Act in Congress and his commitment to winning for immigrants.

During that breakfast Rich told me that he had decided to retire at the AFL-CIO Convention in 2022. He was looking forward to spending time with his family and especially his grandchildren, and to pursuing his hobbies, reading, visiting Civil War battlefields, and being in nature, where he loved to hunt, fish, and camp.

His sudden death means that he won't get those opportunities. Like Ed Hanley, he left us too soon. For that I am sad. But miners, UNITE HERE members, and workers everywhere are blessed that he came our way. His inspiring life will outlast the sadness for me, and I hope eventually for his family.

HONORING THE ARIZONA
INFORMANT

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Arizona Informant on 50 years of excellence in reporting on our state's most important issues. Since its start, the paper's motto has been: "98% of Our News You Won't Find in Any Other News Media in Arizona," and it's delivered on that, shining a light on members of our community. For five decades, the paper has chronicled stories of Black Americans. It has reported on the importance of African American representation in Arizona politics, racial disparities in the criminal justice system, the need to improve policing in communities of color, and the stories of resilience throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. But most importantly, it has documented the history, successes, and leadership of African Americans in our community.

The newspaper was founded by Cloves Campbell, Sr., Arizona's first Black state senator, and his brother Charles Campbell, a respected and accomplished educator. They knew firsthand that the press of the '50s and '60s rarely told the full story on any issue affecting communities of color that seldom came across the newswire. Too often, mainstream media coverage of Black Americans focused mostly on large Civil Rights demonstrations. Those stories usually covered the events themselves and rarely took the time to tell what happened after these influential demonstrations, nor the work of Black Americans whose brave and courageous actions made those events possible. As they lived through this history, Cloves and Charles realized they could tell these stories better themselves—and so they did.

In 1971, with just \$1, Charles and Cloves bought the Arizona Informant and transformed it into the paper we know now. Today, as much of Arizona and national media suffer from shrinking readership, the paper is seeing growth, boasting 100,000 weekly readers. The Arizona Informant remains Arizona's only Black-owned weekly newspaper. The paper also uses the influence of its non-profit foundation, the Arizona Informant Foundation, to provide and develop valuable resources and opportunities to help build and bolster Black and African American communities in Arizona.

For 50 years, the paper has successfully captured the history of our community—bringing important issues and voices into the spotlight. As our country continues to see disparities in the Black community and communities of color, we are reminded that we need outlets that see and embrace their identity, as members of the community they cover, not as a "bias" but as an asset to report the truth. Journalism needs more outlets like the Arizona Informant who not only do quality journalism but do so with newsrooms that reflect and empathize with the communities and issues they carefully cover.

The Campbell brothers and the Informant remind us that diversity is essential, not only to the success of journalism, but to the success and vibrancy of our community. Their spirit lives on with Cloves' son, Cloves Camp-

bell, Jr., who has followed in his father's footsteps and continued his legacy of journalistic excellence as publisher of the newspaper.

I thank the Arizona Informant for being a pillar of our community. Congratulations on 50 years of reporting with integrity and diligence on the issues that matter most to Arizona. Here's to the next 50 years and beyond.

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING COLONEL RONNIE B. DELFIN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Colonel Ronnie B. Delfin on the occasion of his retirement from the Guam Army National Guard after 31 years of service to our island and nation.

Colonel Delfin enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve in 1990 and was assigned to the U.S. Army Reserve Headquarters as a medical specialist after completing his Basic Training and Combat Medic Advanced Individual Training. In August 1993, he enrolled in the University of Guam ROTC program and reported to active duty as a commissioned officer in May of 1996. He attended the Armor Officer Basic Course from August 1996 to January 1997, and his first duty assignment was with the 1st Battalion, 33rd Armor Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division in Fort Lewis, Washington, where he served as an Assistant S-2, Tank Platoon Leader, Mortar Platoon Leader, and Executive Officer. He was later reassigned to the 1st Brigade 25th Infantry Division (Light) in Fort Lewis, Washington, as an Assistant BDE S-3.

Colonel Delfin joined the Guam Army National Guard and was assigned as the Security and Intelligence Officer in October 2000. He then joined the Active Guard and Reserve program in September of 2001. His assignments in the AGR include Counterdrug Coordinator; Commander 1224th Engineer Detachment (Utilities); S3, 105th Troop Command; Secretary of the General Staff; Commander, 203d RTI; and Commander, 94th Civil Support Team (WMD). Colonel Delfin mobilized and deployed with the 1224th Engineer Detachment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Colonel Delfin is a graduate of the Armor Officer Basic Course, the Infantry Officer Advance Course, Engineer Captain's Career Course, the Combined Arms Services Staff School, and the United States Command and General Staff College Intermediate Level Education, and the United States Army War College. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration, a Master of Management, and a Master in Strategic Studies from the War College.

Colonel Delfin received a number of awards, such as the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4OLC), Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2OLC), the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Combat Action Badge, and the Parachutist Badge. He is a Distinguished Military Graduate from the University of Guam Army ROTC and a recipient of the General George C. Marshall Award.

As Commander of Joint Task Force 671 and Chief of Joint Staff for the Guam National Guard, Colonel Delfin played a critical role in executing missions to support the Government of Guam with an efficient and comprehensive COVID-19 response. In addition to promoting an educational campaign, he facilitated the staffing of quarantine, community testing and food distribution sites, the full operation of emergency rooms and COVID-19 wards, the implementation of vital engineering projects, and much more. He tirelessly collaborated with local authorities to ensure the health and safety of our people, and it is with the support of his leadership that our island's response efforts have yielded the achievement of a largely vaccinated population.

Colonel Delfin has and continues to serve as a fine example of leadership and dedicated his skills, knowledge, and training to elevating the quality of life for Americans in Guam and across the world. In addition to advancing our national objectives both at home and overseas, Colonel Delfin has further emphasized the importance of ensuring our communities are empowered with the tools to overcome challenges in the days that follow a completed military mission.

Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of the People of Guam, offering my greatest appreciation to Colonel Ronnie B. Delfin for his devotion to our island and nation. I sincerely thank him for his many years of service and sacrifice, congratulate him on his well-earned retirement, and wish him and his family all the best in this new chapter of their lives.

RECOGNIZING QUINN CAROLINE FLAHERTY OF CHEEKTOWAGA, ON BECOMING AN EAGLE SCOUT

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Quinn Caroline Flaherty of Cheektowaga, and her tremendous achievement of becoming an Eagle Scout.

In 2019, Scouts BSA officially started accepting young women into its ranks. Becoming an Eagle Scout is a difficult and involved process and necessitates being a Life Scout for at least six months, earning at least 21 merit badges, demonstrating Scout Spirit and troop leadership, and creating an Eagle Project. The first young women to become Eagle Scouts were accepted in 2020.

Quinn is a hard worker, dedicated to Scouting. She earned more than 40 merit badges, and was chosen by her peers to hold the position of Senior Patrol Leader. She splits her time between three different units, including a BSA Troop, Sea Scout Ship, and a Venture Crew.

Quinn's Eagle Project was largely centered around the COVID-19 Pandemic. While taking a COVID test, she remarked to her family that the hardworking staff looked like they needed a good meal. In a combination of looking to support frontline workers and the suffering restaurant industry, Quinn raised more than \$10,000 to support local restaurants, providing more than 1,000 meals to essential workers and first responders. For her dedication to Scouting and her efforts to support the community, Quinn was nominated for Eagle Scout

of the Year by the Allegheny Highlands Council.

Quinn's education never suffered despite her dedication to the Scouts BSA program. She remains a straight-A student, a class officer at Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart, and earned the service award for her class with more than 100 hours of volunteer work over the past year.

I am proud to know Quinn personally and can speak to her sterling character. Quinn has loving and supportive parents, Michael Flaherty and Summer Przybylak, and a doting stepfather, Tom Przybylak, who himself earned his Eagle Scout in 1994. I am confident that their proud guidance and support helped Quinn earn this remarkable achievement.

In her Eagle Scout Letter of Ambition, after noting her family history in Scouting, Quinn stated, "I joined Scouting because I wanted to do something different, and a girl joining a century-old all-boy program was about as different as you could get." Quinn closed her letter by saying, "I am a girl with dreams, a girl with plans. I am a girl with hope for the future. Now I get to add Eagle Scout to that list."

Madam Speaker, Quinn certainly does get to add that to the list. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Quinn Caroline Flaherty of Cheektowaga on her achievement of becoming an Eagle Scout, and thanking her for her service to our community.

RECOGNIZING MAY RANCH FOR BEING AWARDED THE 2021 LEOPOLD CONSERVATION AWARD

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize May Ranch of Lamar, Colorado for receiving the 2021 Colorado Leopold Conservation Award.

The Leopold Conservation Award Program, named after conservationist Aldo Leopold, recognizes and celebrates voluntary land conservation by private agricultural landowners. Each year, only one landowner in each of the participating states is given this award. Owned and operated by the Dallas and Brenda May family, the May Ranch of Lamar was given this award for 2021.

The May Ranch exemplifies how livestock and wildlife can thrive together. Through collaborations with various wildlife and conservation organizations, the Mays have planted native trees, installed wildlife-friendly fences, and managed grazing on the ranch's grasslands. With the wetlands on the ranch serving as an oasis for birds, their grass-fed beef is marketed as "Raised on Bird Friendly Land." The Mays have shown commitment to not only the conservation of the ecosystem on May Ranch, but to the agricultural way of life that is so important to Eastern Colorado.

On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I am honored to celebrate this special recognition of the May Ranch as the 2021 Leopold Conservation Award recipient.

HONORING HERMAN KLEINER

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincere congratulations and birthday wishes to one of my constituents, Herman Kleiner, who is celebrating his 100th birthday on Tuesday, August 24, 2021.

Herman was born into a Jewish family to Pauline and Morris Kleiner, in Tacoma, Washington, August 24th, 1921. A proud product of the Tacoma Public School system, Herman attended Bryant, Jason Lee, and Stadium High School and went on to attend the College of Puget Sound where he majored in sociology and became a member of the Delta Kappa Psi fraternity. During World War II, Herman served in the United States Air Force and, upon his return, went into business with his father, Morris, at Model Lumber Company.

Mr. Kleiner recalls working with his father for many years—including his school age years—as the two had a wonderful relationship. He would work at the lumberyard during the year and then go to Aleph Zadik Aleph (AZA) summer youth camp at the end of every summer. He became a member of the AZA and was presented with an opportunity to attend a national AZA Convention with the debate team, which he really enjoyed doing. Mr. Kleiner and many friends formed the first Aleph Zadik Aleph chapter in Tacoma.

After his retirement in the early 1990's, Mr. Kleiner and his spouse Barbara had the pleasure of welcoming Russian Jews from the Soviet Union who were coming to the United States. Through their work and service, they were able to aid in the resettlement of about 33 Jewish families from the Soviet Union, helping to secure apartments before they arrived, assisting with furnishings and household goods, and transporting them from the airport to their new homes. Recounting his experience Mr. Kleiner recalled, "It was absolutely one of the most wonderful parts of our life."

In addition to his work welcoming Russian Jews into our community, Mr. Kleiner's passion for serving his community and giving back can be seen in his active engagement with numerous civic organizations throughout Tacoma, including: Temple Beth El, United Jewish Appeal, the Jewish Cemetery Board, and the Stadium Alumni Association.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor today to celebrate Mr. Herman Kleiner on his 100th birthday, whose love for his community has never wavered and whose service to his country and community is greatly appreciated and will be long remembered.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I was not in attendance to cast my vote on consideration of S. 272—Congressional Budget Justification Transparency Act of 2021.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 256.

HONORING PAM CARMICHAEL AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pam Carmichael, a tireless advocate for stable, affordable, and quality housing, as Iowan of the Week.

Pam's passion for housing advocacy started while she was studying political science, sociology, and social work at the University of Iowa. In her time as a student, Pam counseled renters at a tenants' rights organization and worked on housing ordinances that later became law. In 1980, she started working as a housing counselor at HOME Inc., a nonprofit housing organization in Des Moines.

Pam served as the executive director of HOME Inc. from 1984 until her upcoming retirement this year, and she has participated in various advocacy efforts through this role. She has worked on multiple legislative projects, from pushing for infrastructure improvements, to creating Iowa's Shelter Assistance Fund. Pam also helped create the Polk County Housing Trust Fund and the Des Moines and Iowa Coalitions for the Homeless. Those are just a couple of examples of all the work Pam has done.

Her breadth of knowledge in housing issues spans from home buyer education to counseling, revitalization programs, landlord education and more. Pam's expertise has been incredibly valuable and helpful to thousands of people in Des Moines, and she said she feels very blessed to see the number of people she's helped.

Pam mentioned she's most proud of having worked with so many incredible colleagues who also believe everyone has a right to safe, affordable housing. She also appreciates the caring people in Des Moines, and the way that the community comes together in a crisis.

As for her post-retirement plans, Pam is taking at least one year to work on her own house for a change. After a year, she'll get back into helping people, whether that be in housing or mental health services.

I'd like to take a moment to congratulate Pam on her retirement and thank her for all the work she has done to help our families in Des Moines. Pam said: "Home is a place we all need, and without it, we won't flourish," and I completely agree with her. That's why I will continue to fight in Congress to support affordable housing initiatives, just as Pam has done her whole career. It is my pleasure to recognize Pam Carmichael as Iowan of the Week.

COUNCILMEMBER ROBERT "RED" DAVIS OF MORRO BAY, CALIFORNIA

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Councilmember Robert "Red" Davis of Morro Bay, California, who passed away peacefully on July 24th. We honor Red's exemplary commitment to our

country and his passion for being a positive and thoughtful force throughout his long and colorful life, including his work as a councilmember, his 33-year career with CalTrans, and his service in the United States Air Force. I join the people of Morro Bay in thanking Red Davis for his service to his community, his state, and his Nation.

Prior to being elected to the Morro Bay City Council, Red served on a variety of City ad hoc committees, including the General Plan Advisory Committee, and volunteered for numerous community organizations including the Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce, Friends of the Morro Bay Library and Bike SLO County. Red began his service as Councilmember in 2017 and won a second four-year term in November 2020. Councilmember Davis was instrumental, along with his Council colleagues, in moving forward the Water Reclamation Facility, stabilizing and improving the City's financial condition, offshore wind energy, and enhancing communication with the community. I know from personal experience how important local leaders are in our nation, and Red was instrumental in helping guide his community and region through our recent difficult times.

Red retired from CalTrans in 1996 as a project manager, after 33 years of service, and proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force, retiring as Senior Master Sergeant.

Those who knew Red well have commented on how he worked tirelessly to advance and improve the quality of life for the entire Morro Bay community. Red's strong work ethic, his clear style of communication, and his genuine care for the environment and the people of Morro Bay's citizens, businesses, and environment allowed him to make a positive and lasting impact on the City. Many have commented on Red's kindness, compassion, and his generosity. It is clear Red will be missed as well as remembered for many years to come.

As passionate cyclists, Red and his wife Gail found the time and energy to share their enthusiasm with the community. Red served as president of the San Luis Obispo Bike Club for eight years, chaired the Morro Bay Citizens Bike Committee and the County Bicycle Advisory Committee, and was a founding member and vice president of Bike SLO County. In 2015 the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors honored Red for service to the local bicycling community by designating the Los Osos Valley Road bike lanes between Foothill Boulevard and South Bay Boulevard as the "Red Davis Bikeway."

Madam Speaker, I ask you, and our colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives, to join me in recognizing Red for his service to his community and our Nation, and in offering our condolences to Red's wife Gail, his daughter Catherine Sullivan, son-in-law Pat, and Red's granddaughters, and to all those in Morro Bay and beyond who know and love Red. I thank Red.

RECOGNIZING THE HISTORICAL ACHIEVEMENT OF FIVE BLACK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the historical achieve-

ment of the five black commissioners serving on the Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners.

For the first time in its 185-year history, the citizens of Miami-Dade County are being represented by five black County Commissioners. This achievement is held by Vice Chairman Oliver Gilbert, III, Commissioners Jean Monestime, Keon Hardemon, Danielle Cohen Higgins, and Kionne McGhee.

Vice-Chairman Oliver Gilbert III representing District 1 is a seasoned attorney that comes to the Board of County Commissioners after serving his hometown of Miami Gardens as its two-term mayor. He is a true advocate for the youth and the economic development of his community. He served formerly as the president of the African American mayors Association, and also held a seat on the board of directors of several boards, including the National League of Cities.

Commissioner Jean Monestime representing District 2 is the first Haitian American to represent the Board of County Commissioners after being elected in 2010. In 2014, he was unanimously chosen to serve as Chairman of the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners for two years. He is a former City of North Miami Councilman and Vice-Mayor. Commissioner Monestime is an advocate for equal justice.

Commissioner Keon Hardemon representing District 3 is a Miami native. He holds tight the values that his family instilled in him: education, integrity, and most importantly service to the community. Prior to joining the Board of County Commissioners, Commissioner Hardemon served as a City of Miami Commissioner. In addition, he served as the Chairman of the Southeast Overtown and Park West Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). He also served as a Miami-Dade County Assistant Public Defender where he represented hundreds of clients from the Miami-Dade County Community.

Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins representing District 8 is the daughter of Jamaican immigrants, an attorney, and a small business owner. She is the first of her family to graduate from college and went on to graduate from law school. Commissioner Higgins is dedicated to serving small businesses and environmental sustainability measures.

Commissioner Kionne McGhee representing District 9 is a South Dade native coming to the Board of County Commissioners from the Florida House of Representatives where he recently served as the Minority Leader. Commissioner McGhee is also an accomplished attorney and author.

This historic group of commissioners bring with them experience, political and governmental acumen, passion, and an abundance of commitment towards improving the lives of Miami-Dade County residents. The foundation laid by their predecessors Earl Carroll (1968–1972), Edward T. Graham (1972–1975), Neal F. Adams (1975–1979), Barbara Carey-Shuler (1979–1990 & 1996–2005), Arthur E. Teele, Jr. (1990–1996), James Burke (1990–1998), Betty T. Ferguson (1993–2000), Dorrin D. Rolle (1998–2006), Dennis C. Moss (1993–2020), Barbara J. Jordan (2004–2020), and Audrey M. Edmonson (2005–2020) ensures a brighter future for all of Miami-Dade County.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues and all Americans to please join me in recognizing

these Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners for their contributions and for their commitment to the diverse citizens of our community, state and country.

HONORING AIDAN O'BRIEN CHINN

HON. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Aidan O'Brien Chinn for earning the rank of Eagle Scout in Troop 268 of Clermont, FL. Eagle Scout is the highest honor a Boy Scout can earn and only four percent achieve it. This honor requires years of effort to develop the necessary leadership, service, and outdoor skills. To earn it, Aidan organized a team of 12 volunteers to restore a hurricane-damaged greenhouse that provides community food assistance. The leadership skills he has learned through the Boy Scouts already benefit our community and will continue to help in countless ways. Aidan began scouting as a Cub Scout in 2012 and recently served his troop as Senior Patrol leader. This fall, Aidan plans to continue his education at Rollins College.

On behalf of the Fifteenth Congressional District of Florida, congratulations again to Aidan O'Brien Chinn for becoming an Eagle Scout. We are proud of his continued success and thank him for his dedication to making our community a better place.

1ST CAVALRY DIVISION 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROGER WILLIAMS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the 1st Cavalry Division.

Formed in 1921, the division is based at Fort Hood, Texas, which I am proud to represent in Congress.

This 1st Cavalry division is unique in that they have worn many hats over the years—they have served in cavalry, infantry, assault, and armored capacities.

The honorable men and women of the 1st Cav have served in many of our nation's wars; World War II, the Korean War, the Persian Gulf, Iraq, and in Afghanistan—and they have exhibited extraordinary grit and an unwavering commitment to duty above self.

In all that they do, they have honorably answered the call to serve our country and defend freedom and liberty around the world.

It is my great honor to recognize their contributions and thank them for their 100 years of enduring service, duty, patriotism, and bravery.

In God we trust.

RECOGNIZING LEWIS H. WEBBER,
A TRUE WORKING-CLASS CHAM-
PION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lewis Webber, the President of Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees (SOAR) Chapter 4-6, for a lifetime of fighting for the working class.

Lewis Webber was born days before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in December of 1941 so he was always ready for a good fight. Advocating for the workers at Bethlehem Steel was in his blood, as many of his relatives, including his father, were employed there. Growing up in a union household, he and his brother heard all the stories from their father about the strikes at Bethlehem Steel, including the famous 53-day 1952 Steelworkers strike, ending with a victory for the hard-working Steelworkers.

It was not a surprise that both Lewis and his brother would also go on to work many years of their lives at Bethlehem Steel. Lewis started working at Bethlehem Steel in October of 1964. He was a member in three separate unions: United Steelworkers, Truckdrivers Local Union, and the United Autoworkers. As a member of the United Steelworkers, he recalls fighting to make sure that the proper withholding was taken out of the employees checks. Later, in 1985, Mr. Webber officially won a grievance against Bethlehem Steel, providing 22 workers an additional \$238 a week for two years, and a pension for the rest of their lives.

When Bethlehem Steel shut its doors, the Western New York community was devastated; however, that didn't stop Lewis Webber from continuing to fight for those who had worked there. He joined the Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees (SOAR), Chapter 4-6 and put the skills he learned from earlier battles to work as he rose in the ranks of leadership becoming Trustee in 1997, Vice President in 2007, and President of the Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees, Chapter 4-6 in 2008. There are 430 members of SOAR, Chapter 4-6 who rely on his leadership today.

Lewis Webber always says that you can never fight these battles alone. His number one supporter was his wife, Beverly who unfortunately passed away in 2011. She was also Secretary of the Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees, Chapter 4-6. His children Rosemary, LuAnn, and Kathleen, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren are always by his side, fighting the good fight.

Mr. Webber joined our fight over a decade ago to help former Bethlehem Steel employees receive compensation under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (EEOICP) and he continues to work with my office to ensure eligible retirees receive the benefits they deserve. Over \$300 million has been paid out to workers and their families after they were exposed to radiation while working at Bethlehem Steel.

Lewis Webber offered many words of advice, including "I am not doing this to make people millionaires; I am doing this to get them what they need to get by in this world.

I am not doing this to help just the Steelworkers; I am doing this to help all Americans," and, "Always fight using your brains, not your fists. At the end of the day your knowledge of the contract will be more likely to help you win the battle." His words demonstrate his commitment to his fellow workers and his lifetime of experience advocating for the interests of Steelworkers.

Many Bethlehem Steel retirees and their families who live in Western New York are better off because Lewis Webber has never stopped and will never stop fighting for them. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the lifelong commitment that Lewis Webber has shown to the former employees of Bethlehem Steel, the greater Western New York community, and the United States as a whole.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL
SHAWN P. HARKINS FOR 25
YEARS OF MILITARY SERVICE

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant Colonel Shawn P. Harkins for 25 years of distinguished military service.

LTC Harkins has made immeasurable contributions to our great nation and continues to personify the core U.S. Army values of honor, integrity, personal courage, and selfless service. He has served in various positions throughout his career, culminating as the 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) Executive Officer at Fort Bragg.

Over the course of his extraordinary career, LTC Harkins has answered the call of duty many times. He has deployed in excess of 34 months overseas in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, and his leadership has directly influenced political stability across the globe. As the 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) Executive Officer, LTC Harkins managed a staff of 2,500 soldiers and civilians and he is credited with producing change in the areas of maintenance, readiness, and processes.

LTC Harkins retires as a recipient of multiple awards and decorations and embodies all the qualities of a selfless hero who has answered the call to serve. Our state and country are better because of citizens like him.

As Fort Bragg's Congressman, I know I speak for our nation and community when I say we are truly grateful for LTC Harkins' extraordinary service and cannot thank him enough. I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish him success in his future endeavors.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Lieutenant Colonel Shawn P. Harkins for 25 years of military service.

RECOGNIZING THE PI CHAPTER OF
ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SOROR-
ITY, INC. ON ITS CENTENNIAL
ANNIVERSARY

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Pi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (AKA) on its Centennial Anniversary and for a century of service to the Fisk University students, community and the state of Tennessee.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Pi Chapter at Fisk University celebrates its 100-year Anniversary. In addition, I am humbled that they chose to honor me, Congresswoman FREDERICA S. WILSON, as the University's First AKA Congressional member. I was initiated into the Pi Chapter in the Fall of 1960. Congressional representatives participating include Congressional Black Caucus Chair Congresswoman JOYCE BEATTY and seven AKA Congresswomen—EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, SHEILA JACKSON LEE, TERRI SEWELL, ALMA ADAMS, BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN, LAUREN UNDERWOOD, and NIKEMA WILLIAMS.

Fisk Graduate and Pi Chapter initiated Chairperson Kimmie Jackson and current Pi Chapter President Taylor Woodard graciously welcomed and thanked the audience for joining this inaugural and auspicious occasion while inspiring all to take action and uphold the sorority's purpose of being "Service To All Mankind."

Representative SHEILA JACKSON LEE (TX) noted that Pi Chapter was the first undergraduate chapter in the South Atlantic Region and that the women of Pi Chapter are known for their honor, academic prowess, and leadership skills. She compared Rep. WILSON to Sojourner Truth who never stepped away her vision and served as a leader in education and civil rights. Rep. WILSON founded the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project and was a leader in the demand to find the 276 Nigerian girls kidnapped by Boko Haram.

Representative ALMA ADAMS (NC) praised Pi Chapter as being the most civically engaged women of goodwill and good work beyond measure. She noted that Honoree WILSON the 5000 Role Models founder has always been a champion of the underserved and that like her fellow Pi Chapter graduates illuminate the opportunities available to women across the country and the world.

Representative EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON (TX) sent congratulatory wishes to Pi Chapter and notes that it stands on the shoulders of many trailblazers. She acknowledged Congresswoman WILSON's visionary leadership and service as an undeterred true champion for black girls and boys.

Representative TERRI SEWELL (AL) congratulated Pi Chapter on its Centennial and reminded members that AKA Coretta Scott King famously observed "struggle is a never-ending process . . . we earn it and win it in every generation." Representative SEWELL praised Centennial Honoree WILSON for expanding opportunities for all Americans, founding 5000 Role Models Project, and sponsoring legislation to create the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys.

Representative LAUREN UNDERWOOD (IL) remarked that Pi Chapter has had a tremendous

impact on the Fisk University community and that its Centennial Anniversary coincides with the release of the documentary film TWENTY PEARLS about Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the first black Greek letter organization founded in 1908. Representative UNDERWOOD also celebrated Honoree WILSON's AKA legacy as the 11th South Atlantic Regional Director and First Pi Chapter alumnae to serve in the United States Congress.

Representative NIKEMA WILLIAMS (GA) honored Pi Chapter for reaching its 100-year milestone, its success, strength and courage, and for showing what leadership looks like and changing the world. Rep. WILLIAMS who now holds the seat vacated by the passing of Fisk graduate and civil rights icon, the Honorable John Lewis, praised Congresswoman WILSON for her decade of service fighting for civil rights and voting rights in Congress and holding America to its promise.

Representative JOYCE BEATTY (OH), current Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, which is celebrating its 50th Anniversary and is known as the "conscious of the Congress," saluted and applauded Pi Chapter's organizers, board members, executive staff and all involved in the Centennial Celebration. She saluted Alpha Kappa Alpha for blazing a trail of excellence for over 100 years. CBC Chairwoman BEATTY highlighted Congresswoman WILSON's great successes in establishing the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys, founding of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project, and efforts to fight for and assist the young girls in Nigeria kidnapped by Boko Haram. Representative BEATTY also noted Representative WILSON's crucial ongoing service on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee; chairs the Education and Labor Committee's Higher Education and Workforce Investment Subcommittee and serves on the Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education Subcommittee of the United States Congress and the Biden Administration's economic recovery plans for the American people.

On April 6, 1921, Pi Chapter was chartered at Meharry Medical College by Pauline Kigh Reed, Druceilla Barnadano, Clarise Bartlett, Georgia Blackmore, Wilhelmina Bowles, Mildred Harper, Lelia Lyon and Marie Williams. Pi Chapter was the first undergraduate chapter chartered in the South Eastern Region. The chapter was later moved to the historic Fisk University in 1927.

Over the past 100 years, Pi Chapter has initiated more than one thousand sorority sisters who wear the beautiful colors of salmon pink and apple green. The chapter's motto is "The Fine Light of Pi."

Today, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and the sisters of the Pi Chapter proudly stand firm in the sorority's mission to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of "Service to All Mankind."

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues and all Americans to please join me in congratulating Pi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated on its Centennial Anniversary and commend it for its contributions to education and for its commitment to the community, state of Tennessee and our country.

HONORING LEON J. ARP

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Leon J. Arp of Blacksburg, Virginia, who passed away on July 23, 2021, at the age of 91. Mr. Arp was a veteran and businessman who greatly contributed to the Blacksburg community.

Mr. Arp was born in Norway, Iowa on June 30, 1930, to Hugo and Leova Arp. After graduating from Walford High School in 1948, he spent four years in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, serving in air reconnaissance. He married his wife, Kathleen Schulte, in 1955.

He went on to earn his Ph.D. from Iowa State University. Mr. Arp later moved to Virginia to serve as a professor emeritus of Mechanical Engineering at Virginia Tech Blacksburg where he taught for 25 years. In his time there he earned various distinctions and honors for his teaching and research.

Mr. Arp is best known for developing the Arp Respirator in the late 1960s. This design was created to aid infants facing respiratory distress syndrome—at the time the leading cause of infant death in the first week of life. This device is responsible for saving hundreds of infants' lives.

A 1970 Life Magazine profiled this life-saving tool. The article notes that Mr. Arp designed a respirator that could handle the delicacy of premature infants after nearly losing one of his own children to respiratory syndrome. This machine attended an infant's gasp for breath more sensitively than any device in existence at the time. Mr. Arp had continual innovation throughout his career and retained more than 25 patents.

Mr. Arp was preceded in death by his son, William. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Kathleen; his children, Nicholas, John, and Joseph; and eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. I would like to extend to them my condolences.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF KELSEY BEGAYE

HON. TOM O'HALLERAN

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Kelsey Begaye, the fifth president of the Navajo Nation, who passed away this month at the age of 70.

A Vietnam veteran, a devoted public servant, and a leader in faith, Kelsey Begaye served his country, his community, and his people for decades.

In 1969, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving in Vietnam as a specialist fourth radio operator for four years.

In the years that followed, he brought dedication and compassion to his work as a substance abuse counselor, a representative of the Kaibeto Chapter in the Navajo Nation Council, and as the fifth president of the Navajo Nation.

Through countless roles, he leaves behind a legacy of faith and a fierce desire to change

the lives of those living in his community for the better.

My wife and I are keeping Mr. Begaye's family, loved ones, and the Navajo Nation in our prayers as we mourn his passing.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRSTSTATE BANK

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of FirstState Bank.

In late 1968, Mr. J.B. McCord, Gen. Robert Duke, Mr. J.O. McCain and Mr. Don Hogan worked with attorney Mr. T. Reuben Bell to create a local bank to serve their community.

FirstState Bank first opened in 1971 as First State Bank of Lineville. A few years later, the bank changed to First State Bank of Clay County. As the bank grew, another location was added in Wedowee and the name was changed to what it is today, FirstState Bank.

The original organizers include: Mr. J.B. McCord, Mr. Bill Ogle, Mr. L.D. Walker, Mr. Bernard Spurlin, Mrs. Bessie McCrary, Mr. Robert Howell, Ms. Nina Faye Bonner, General Robert W. Duke, Mr. Grover Bearden, Mr. W.W. Young, Mr. Don Hogan, Mr. Lester Proctor, Mr. Charles Taylor and Mr. J.O. McCain.

Johnny Appleby was the first employee hired by the bank and worked there until his passing in 2019.

Today, FirstState Bank is thriving under the leadership of President and CEO Steve Foster.

The bank serves both Clay and Randolph Counties.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 50th anniversary of FirstState Bank.

REMEMBERING GERALD WESLEY
DONOVAN

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a dear friend and a great Marylander who passed away on July 31. Gerald Wesley Donovan was not just the former Mayor of Chesapeake Beach in Calvert County, Maryland. He was the heart and soul of the town and the center of its community for decades. Gerald dedicated his life to preserving the memory of Chesapeake Beach as it had been generations prior and working to reinvigorate it with a new energy for the twenty-first century and as a place where future generations of Marylanders and visitors could enjoy all the best the town and its surroundings could offer.

Having grown up in the county and attended Calver High School, Gerald was raised with a love of service, a love of learning, and a love of country. In addition to attending Baltimore College of Commerce, Prince George's Community College, and the University of Maryland, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in

1968 and served on active duty until 1971. After serving on the Chesapeake Beach Town Council for seven years, Gerald was appointed the town's mayor in 1983. The following year, his neighbors elected him to continue in that office and returned him again and again for a total of thirty-four years and six consecutive terms. During that time, he oversaw major projects that renewed Chesapeake Beach as a tourist destination, including its Water Park, Railway Trail, Veterans Memorial Park, Bayfront Park, and the annual fireworks show. Each winter, he expressed his joy for the holiday season by securing funding from the council to illuminate the town in festive lights.

Over those same years, Gerald developed a vision to revitalize the old Chesapeake Beach Resort built by Otto Mears in 1900. The rededication of that property in 2004 as the Rod 'N' Reel resort was the culmination of years of work for Gerald and his local business partners. It has become a major destination in Maryland's Fifth District, attracting vacationers from across the country and around the world and helping to grow tourism and support jobs for the local economy.

In addition to serving as Mayor, Gerald also gave back to his community and his country by helping to lead the fight against cancer. Over thirty years, the annual Celebration of Life gala dinner he hosted with his brother, Fred, in memory of their father Fred Donovan, Sr. raised more than \$4 million for the American Cancer Society. Having attended these dinners year after year, I can attest that Gerald's passion for curing and treating cancer and helping those afflicted only grew over time.

Early on, Gerald also joined the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department and later was chosen as its lifetime president. He also served on the executive committee of the Maryland Tourism Board, as a member of the Maryland Restaurant Association's board, and as Chairman of the Calvert County Democratic Central Committee. Gerald was also a pioneer in the creation of the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum.

As he got older, Gerald recognized the importance of preparing the next generations to carry on the work of making Chesapeake Beach and Calvert County a wonderful place to live and work and preserving its heritage. He became a mentor to so many young people active in public service in the town and in the county, making time to help them find their own ways to give back to their community and run for local office. Gerald worked to pass on his unparalleled knowledge of the town and its history, and when he retired and left office in 2008, he passed the torch to a new generation now carrying on his work.

In retirement, Gerald loved to drive around Chesapeake Beach and revel in its splendor and success, proud of the work he and so many others had put in over the decades to breathe new life into the town. After he passed away earlier this summer, his friends and neighbors gathered on the sidewalks to pay a final tribute as Gerald's funeral procession made its way through those same streets, escorted by the Calvert County Sheriffs Department and North Beach Volunteer Fire Department vehicles.

Gerald will be missed by so many of us who were fortunate enough to call him a friend. I join in offering my condolences to his wonder-

ful wife and partner Mary, to his children Wesley, Ryan, Roger, Mary, and Veronica and their families, including his thirteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. May Gerald's memory always be a blessing to them and to all the people of his beloved Chesapeake Beach and Calvert County.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF PLATTEVILLE, COLORADO

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the founding of Platteville, Colorado.

The Colorado Gold Rush of 1857 brought an influx of frontiersmen through what is now Weld County, spurring population growth and the establishment of dozens of new towns and settlements. After the Denver Pacific Railroad reached the area in 1871, Platteville, Colorado, was founded. With just one general store in the first years of its existence, Platteville has expanded to encompass several banks, factories, hotels, and other retail establishments. The Platte River's fertile valley has long been known for its livestock and poultry, with over 200 farms now located in the surrounding area. Today, Platteville boasts more than 2,500 residents who are proud to call Colorado their home.

On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I am honored to celebrate this special occasion alongside my constituents who call Platteville home.

HONORING ROBERT S. "BOB" LYNCH

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great man, a great lawyer, and a great Arizonan. I speak of Robert S. "Bob" Lynch.

Mr. Lynch is a proud graduate of the University of Arizona, obtaining a Bachelor of Arts (1961) and Bachelor of Laws (1964) degrees and a Master of Laws degree with a specialization in natural resources law from George Washington University (1972). Well known as one of the most competent water lawyers in a state where water law governs prosperity, Bob represented clients before Congress and the state legislature. His practice also included representation of clients before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Arizona Corporation Commission and in state and federal courts. His litigation experience includes matters before the U.S. Supreme Court, as well as cases before 9 of the 13 federal appellate courts, and three state supreme courts.

One area in which I was able to get to know Bob included his work as counsel and Treasurer to the Irrigation and Electrical Districts' Association of Arizona (IEDA). The irrigation districts form a key part of the water and agri-

cultural infrastructure in Arizona. Bob guided this important group for years and guided them well.

Professionally, Bob devoted most of his practice to water, electricity, and environmental law issues. Bob was appointed in June 1996 by the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives to the seven-member Federal Water Rights Task Force, a federal advisory committee, established by the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act, P.L. 104-127. I also found Bob to be an invaluable advisor on energy and water issues. Bob was devoted to several organizations related to his specialty, including Serving on the Advisory Committee of the American Public Power Association and on the Board of Directors of its political action committee, PowerPAC (Chairman 2000-2007). He is a 2003 recipient of APPA's Kramer-Preston Personal Service Award. Bob also served on the North American Electric Reliability Corporation's Legal Advisory Committee, the Water and Property Rights (Chair) and Energy Issues Committees of the National Water Resources Association, as well as on task forces on the Endangered Species Act of both national associations. He served as President (1991-1996) and Chairman of the Board (1996-2000) of the Central Arizona Project Association. He belongs to the Arizona, Maricopa County, and Federal Bar Associations, and is a member of the District of Columbia Bar.

A gentleman of the highest order, Bob is also a scholar. His publications include "Complying With NEPA: The Tortuous Path to an Adequate Environmental Impact Statement," 14 Arizona Law Review 717 (1973) and "The 1973 CEQ Guidelines: Cautious Updating of the Environmental Impact Statement Process," 11 California Western Law Review 297 (1975). One case where Bob's talents came through was the case, *Davis v. Agua Sierra Resources, L.L.C.*, 220 Ariz. 108, 203 P. 506 (2009) vacating 217 Ariz. 386, 174 P. 3d 298 (2008), where Bob successfully convinced the Arizona Supreme Court to overturn the Court of Appeals on a significant groundwater issue.

Bob is a devoted husband to his wonderful wife, Anne, in addition to a giving father and grandfather. I can say that the joy of being a grandfather cannot be exceeded and I could see that joy in every conversation I had with Bob. I would like to take this moment out of day to let the world know that Arizona is blessed to have such a talented and good man like Bob Lynch.

HONORING FANNIE LOU HAMER'S 1964 SPEECH ON VIOLENCE TOWARD BLACK AMERICANS REGISTERING TO VOTE

HON. BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Fannie Lou Hamer, whose speech on the violent oppression of Black voting rights on August 22, 1964 still rings too true today. Delivered to the Credentials Committee of the Democratic National Convention, her speech details the violence at the hands of agents of the state that she and other Black Americans encountered

in trying to register to vote in Mississippi in 1962 and 1963.

The various barriers, via literacy tests and intimidation, as well as the physical beatings endured by Fannie Lou Hamer and her compatriots remind us of the critical importance of the proactive right to vote. She was a civil rights leader fighting for voting rights and women's rights. She dedicated her life to speaking up and out through her activism and campaigns for elected office. Her words continue to inspire and to underscore the importance of supporting the right to vote in the face of new barriers and new, surreptitious Jim Crow laws.

Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the full text of her remarks delivered on that day in 1964.

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION, ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY—AUGUST 22, 1964

Mr. Chairman, and to the Credentials Committee, my name is Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer, and I live at 626 East Lafayette Street, Ruleville, Mississippi, Sunflower County, the home of Senator James O. Eastland, and Senator Stennis.

It was the 31st of August in 1962 that eighteen of us traveled twenty-six miles to the county courthouse in Indianola to try to register to become first-class citizens.

We was met in Indianola by policemen, Highway Patrolmen, and they only allowed two of us in to take the literacy test at the time. After we had taken this test and started back to Ruleville, we was held up by the City Police and the State Highway Patrolmen and carried back to Indianola where the bus driver was charged that day with driving a bus the wrong color.

After we paid the fine among us, we continued on to Ruleville, and Reverend Jeff Sunny carried me four miles in the rural area where I had worked as a timekeeper and sharecropper for eighteen years. I was met there by my children, who told me that the plantation owner was angry because I had gone down to try to register.

After they told me, my husband came, and said the plantation owner was raising Cain because I had tried to register. Before he quit talking the plantation owner came and said, "Fannie Lou, do you know—did Pap tell you what I said?"

And I said, "Yes, sir."

He said, "Well I mean that." He said, "If you don't go down and withdraw your registration, you will have to leave." Said, "Then if you go down and withdraw," said, "you still might have to go because we are not ready for that in Mississippi."

And I addressed him and told him and said, "I didn't try to register for you. I tried to register for myself." I had to leave that same night.

On the 10th of September 1962, sixteen bullets was fired into the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Robert Tucker for me. That same night two girls were shot in Ruleville, Mississippi. Also Mr. Joe McDonald's house was shot in.

And June the 9th, 1963, I had attended a voter registration workshop; was returning back to Mississippi. Ten of us was traveling by the Continental Trailway bus. When we got to Winona, Mississippi, which is Montgomery County, four of the people got off to use the washroom, and two of the people—to use the restaurant—two of the people wanted to use the washroom.

The four people that had gone in to use the restaurant was ordered out. During this time I was on the bus. But when I looked through the window and saw they had rushed out I got off of the bus to see what had happened. And one of the ladies said, "It was a State Highway Patrolman and a Chief of Police ordered us out."

I got back on the bus and one of the persons had used the washroom got back on the bus, too.

As soon as I was seated on the bus, I saw when they began to get the five people in a highway patrolman's car. I stepped off of the bus to see what was happening and somebody screamed from the car that the five workers was in and said, "Get that one there." When I went to get in the car, when the man told me I was under arrest, he kicked me.

I was carried to the county jail and put in the booking room. They left some of the people in the booking room and began to place us in cells. I was placed in a cell with a young woman called Miss Ivesta Simpson. After I was placed in the cell I began to hear sounds of licks and screams, I could hear the sounds of licks and horrible screams. And I could hear somebody say, "Can you say, 'yes, sir,' nigger? Can you say 'yes, sir?'"

And they would say other horrible names.

She would say, "Yes, I can say 'yes, sir.'" "So, well, say it."

She said, "I don't know you well enough."

They beat her, I don't know how long. And after a while she began to pray, and asked God to have mercy on those people.

And it wasn't too long before three white men came to my cell. One of these men was a State Highway Patrolman and he asked me where I was from. I told him Ruleville and he said, "We are going to check this."

They left my cell and it wasn't too long before they came back. He said, "You are from Ruleville all right," and he used a curse word. And he said, "We are going to make you wish you was dead."

I was carried out of that cell into another cell where they had two Negro prisoners. The State Highway Patrolmen ordered the first Negro to take the blackjack.

The first Negro prisoner ordered me, by orders from the State Highway Patrolman, for me to lay down on a bunk bed on my face.

I laid on my face and the first Negro began to beat. I was beat by the first Negro until he was exhausted. I was holding my hands behind me at that time on my left side, be-

cause I suffered from polio when I was six years old.

After the first Negro had beat until he was exhausted, the State Highway Patrolman ordered the second Negro to take the blackjack.

The second Negro began to beat and I began to work my feet, and the State Highway Patrolman ordered the first Negro who had beat me to sit on my feet—to keep me from working my feet. I began to scream and one white man got up and began to beat me in my head and tell me to hush.

One white man—my dress had worked up high—he walked over and pulled my dress—I pulled my dress down and he pulled my dress back up.

I was in jail when Medgar Evers was murdered.

All of this is on account of we want to register, to become first-class citizens. And if the Freedom Democratic Party is not seated now, I question America. Is this America, the land of the free and the home of the brave, where we have to sleep with our telephones off the hooks because our lives be threatened daily, because we want to live as decent human beings, in America?

Thank you.

RETIREMENT OF PITTSBURG STATE PRESIDENT STEVE SCOTT

HON. JAKE LaTURNER

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. LATURNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of a fellow Kansan, and the man who handed me my college diploma—Pittsburg State University President Steve Scott. Like myself, President Scott is a proud child of Cherokee County in Southeast Kansas. He first graduated from Pittsburg State in 1973, then went on to serve as a faculty member, department chair, dean, vice president of academic affairs, and provost before assuming the presidency in 2009.

His leadership has defined our university and community for the entirety of his service, and his time at the helm of Pittsburg State will leave an imprint for years to come. I am personally indebted to his example and mentorship in my own life, and I know that countless other Gorillas would say the same.

While I am sure President Scott will now be able to enjoy some well-deserved rest along with his wife Cathy and their grandkids, I am equally certain that he will continue teaching and serving the citizens of Pittsburg and Southeast Kansas in whatever he does next.